1	2	3	4
Delhi	296	330	268
Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pondicherry	72	99	2
TOTAL:	28713	30216	28944(P)

N.A.= Not Available, P=Provisional

Width of the roads made under CRF

†2065. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether parameters have been set for the width, etc. of the roads, being constructed and improved with the Central Road Fund in various States;

(b) if so, whether some complaints to the effect have been received from the State of Uttaranchal that width of the Almora-Ghat and Kausani-Bageshwar roads being constructed under the said scheme had been found short in context of the hilly terrains; and

(c) if so, whether directions have been issued to widen black top of the roads of the hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The guidelines for formulation of State Sector Road Development proposals to be financed from Central Road Fund stipulate, *inter alia,* that the standards, design and specification of the works to be proposed are to follow the relevant Indian Roads Congress/Ministry of Road Transport and Highways guidelines, codes and specification.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Tax on renewal of vehicles

2066. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose heavy taxes on the renewal of vehicles after fifteen years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to curb the use of old vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Taxation of Motor Vehicles falls under the purview of the respective State Governments. With a view to controlling pollution, phasing out of older vehicles through a higher rate of taxation on older vehicles had been proposed by the Government of India as a part of agenda item for the 30th meeting of Transport Development Council (TDC) held on 16.1.2003. Representatives of the States agreed during the meeting to the suggestion for levying a tax on the pattern of "Green Cess" imposed by Karnataka Government which envisages levy of road tax at an enhanced rate after the period of 15 years on all categories of motor vechicles. Further action in this regard is to be taken by the States. It is not possible to predict the extent to which it is likely to curb the use of old vehicles.

Reforms in transportation infrastructure

2067. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the reforms in transportation infrastructure;

(b) what was the total amount earmarked and spent during the last three years; and

(c) by when the widening of National Highways is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) This Ministry deals with National Highways and Road Transport. The reforms in respect of these Sectors are:

(i) Development and maintenance of National Highways has been opened to the Private Sector. 46 Projects amounting to about Rs. 7305.4 Crores have been implemented by Private Sector.